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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7046

BILL NUMBER: SB 369

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 7, 2006

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Drought planning.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Young R

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill creates the Water Shortage Task Force to develop and implement an updated water shortage plan.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Water Shortage Task Force is established to implement, update, expand, and revise the 1994 water shortage plan when necessary. Among other provisions, the task force must prepare a biennial report, encourage local units to pass ordinances that establish priorities of water usage during droughts, and demonstrate to the Water Resources Study Committee how the Task Force has accomplished these tasks.

The task force consists of an unspecified number of interested stakeholders appointed by the Governor. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) must provide staff support for the task force. The bill also establishes a governmental advisory panel to the task force. The panel consists of representatives of the DNR, IDEM, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Agriculture, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the State Department of Health, and possibly representatives of the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Each member of the task force or advisory panel who is not an employee of the state or a political subdivision is entitled to per diem and reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses incurred in connection with the member's duties. Each member of the task force or advisory panel who is an employee of the state or a political subdivision is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred

in connection with the member's duties.

The impact of the proposal is indeterminable and will depend on the number of individuals appointed to the task force. If twelve members were appointed, expenditures would probably not exceed \$10,000.

Expenses of the task force are to be paid from the Water Resources Development Fund which is composed of revenue generated from the sale of reservoir water. As of 1/7/06, the fund had a balance of \$556,993.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: DNR, IDEM, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Agriculture, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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